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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. S.R.Carver), covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of January, 1949, and the seven months ended January, 1949. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 5, 7 and 8 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in January, 1949, and the seven months ended January, 1949, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 - STATES.

State	Benefits paid during January, 1949				Benefits paid during seven Months ended January, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W.(a)	1,824	23,777	3,133	28,734	14,514	187,101	22,160	223,775
Victoria	140	11,781	4,154	16,075	1,749	113,692	18,982	134,423
Queensland	8,976	11,800	921	21,697	33,555	65,895	5,032	104,482
S. Aust.(b)	65	5,333	240	5,638	496	46,609	2,183	49,288
W.Australia	804	3,756	273	4,833	7,411	37,455	3,898	48,764
Tasmania	237	3,204	323	3,764	2,121	24,275	2,129	28,525
<u>TOTAL</u>	12,046	59,651	9,044	80,741	59,846	475,027	54,384	589,257

3. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

The following table shows for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the seven months ended January, 1949.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 - STATES.

State	Persons							
	Claims admitted - seven months ended January, 1949.				Benefits Discontinued - Seven months ended January, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	1,704	15,237	3,654	20,595	1,734	15,396	3,354	20,484
Victoria	185	9,701	2,919	12,805	2 19	9,527	2,706	12,452
Queensland	4,278	6,035	210	10,523	3,737	6,082	208	10,027
S. Aust.(b)	67	4,007	91	4,165	79	4,073	98	4,250
W.Australia	584	3,703	547	4,834	666	3,719	549	4,934
Tasmania	69	1,620	82	1,771	67	1,663	72	1,802
<u>TOTAL :</u>	6,887	40,303	7,503	54,693	6,502	40,460	6,987	53,949

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

4. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months January, 1948 to January, 1949, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit :-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons

CLAIMS ADMITTED.

Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1948 -									
January	3,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February	5,953	294	4,049	1,271	528	224	10,530	1,789	12,319
March	3,446	297	3,843	1,144	147	214	7,436	1,655	9,091
April	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August	571	55	4,737	1,335	147	61	5,455	1,451	6,906
September	542	60	4,500	1,214	722	159	5,764	1,433	7,197
October	939	51	5,169	1,515	1,288	102	7,396	1,668	9,064
November (a)	971	61	4,007	1,191	2,045	446	7,023	1,698	8,721
December (a)	960	34	3,137	891	81	35	4,178	960	5,138
1949									
January (a)	1,720	55	3,346	892	1,200	104	6,266	1,051	7,317

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	88,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1948									
January	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February	4,176	194	3,821	1,081	447	39	8,444	1,314	9,758
March	3,075	177	3,937	1,124	189	232	7,201	1,533	8,734
April	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June	971	57	4,024	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,932	10,048
August	625	52	4,554	1,272	448	143	5,627	1,467	7,094
September	746	62	4,629	1,254	250	80	5,625	1,396	7,021
October	802	76	5,429	1,563	1,404	159	7,635	1,798	9,433
November (a)	945	44	4,093	1,171	1,371	265	6,409	1,480	7,889
December (a)	481	48	3,245	927	1,135	209	4,861	1,184	6,045
1949 -									
January (a)	1,171	55	3,448	1,044	626	75	5,245	1,174	6,419

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948									
January	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February	5,850	244	7,243	2,498	348	597	13,441	3,339	16,780
March	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137
April	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August	1,142	118	8,105	2,619	359	498	9,606	3,235	12,841
September	938	116	7,976	2,579	831	577	9,745	3,272	13,017
October	1,075	91	7,716	2,531	715	520	9,506	3,142	12,648
November (a)	1,101	108	7,630	2,551	1,389	701	10,120	3,360	13,480
December (a)	1,580	94	7,522	2,515	335	529	9,437	3,138	12,575
1949 -									
January (a)	2,129	94	7,420	2,363	909	556	10,458	3,013	13,471

(a) Subject to revision

5. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(1) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during January, 1949, and the seven months ended January, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	January, 1949.				Seven Months ended January, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	224	252	34	510	1,002	3,652	451	5,105
1 and under 2	277	509	89	875	1,332	5,687	1,557	8,576
2 " " 3	219	533	107	859	929	5,184	1,906	8,019
3 " " 4	148	469	184	801	638	4,523	903	6,064
4 " " 5	108	429	160	697	406	3,412	552	4,370
5 " " 9	234	1,291	71	1,596	923	8,340	1,049	10,312
9 " " 13	74	575	25	674	362	3,762	210	4,334
13 " " 27	64	758	42	864	561	4,123	234	4,918
27 and over	35	286	27	348	349	1,777	125	2,251
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,383	5,102	739	7,224	6,502	40,460	6,987	53,949

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during January, 1949 and the seven months ended January, 1949, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit :-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	January, 1949				Seven Months ended January, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and Over	2.53	5.60	3.65	4.82	5.37	4.39	1.79	4.17
13 " "	7.16	20.46	9.33	16.78	14.00	14.58	5.14	13.29
9 " "	12.50	31.73	12.71	26.11	19.56	23.88	8.14	21.32
5 " "	29.43	57.03	22.31	48.20	33.76	44.49	23.15	40.43
4 " "	37.24	65.43	43.96	57.85	40.00	52.92	31.06	48.53
3 " "	47.94	74.63	68.88	68.94	49.81	64.10	43.98	59.77
2 " "	63.77	85.08	83.36	80.83	64.10	76.91	71.26	74.64
1 " "	83.80	95.06	95.40	92.94	84.59	90.97	93.54	90.54
Less than 1	16.20	4.94	4.60	7.06	15.41	9.03	6.36	9.46

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during January, 1949, and the seven months ended January, 1949, are shown below :-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	January, 1949.				Seven Months ended January, 1949			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	772	55.82	2,737	53.65	3,733	57.41	24,689	61.02
Incapacity Terminated	-	-	1,440	28.22	-	-	10,180	25.16
Failure to report (a)	504	36.44	405	7.94	2,115	32.53	1,943	4.80
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	29	2.10	43	.84	229	3.52	274	.68
Statutory age limit(b)	4	.29	9	.17	29	.45	79	.19
Permanent incapacity(c)	17	1.23	233	4.57	104	1.60	1,532	3.79
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	.04
Death	-	-	81	1.59	5	.08	609	1.51
Transfer to another district	20	1.45	76	1.49	92	1.41	526	1.30
Other	37	2.67	78	1.53	195	3.00	610	1.51
<u>TOTAL :</u>	1,383	100.00	5,102	100.00	6,502	100.00	40,460	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension (c) Includes Transfer to Invalid Pension.

6. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF JANUARY, 1949.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 29th January, 1949, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 50 per 10,000 comprising 8 unemployment, 36 sickness and 6 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females :-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH JANUARY, 1949. PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 Males	11	38	4	53
Females	Per 10,000 Females	1	33	8	42
Persons	Per 10,000 Persons	8	36	6	50

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 29th January, 1949:-

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH JANUARY, 1949 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	272	37	2,806	829	581	220	3,659	1,086	4,745
Victoria	28	4	1,936	744	242	141	2,206	889	3,095
Queensland	1,668	46	1,117	313	49	69	2,834	428	3,262
S.Aust.(b)	7	1	666	208	9	30	682	239	921
W.Australia	125	5	571	189	19	44	715	238	953
Tasmania	29	1	324	80	9	52	362	133	495
Total 29th January, 1949	2,129	94	7,420	2,363	909	556	10,458	3,013	13,471
Total 31st January, 1948	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory

(iii) Ages : Distribution of persons on benefit at 29th January, 1949, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH JANUARY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	80	24	486	492	34	41	600	557	1,157
20 - 24 years	192	30	811	539	144	55	1,147	624	1,771
25 - 29 years	200	4	613	267	230	45	1,043	316	1,359
30 - 34 years	190	9	645	186	125	46	960	241	1,201
35 - 39 years	203	4	634	204	111	67	948	275	1,223
40 - 44 years	199	9	680	181	69	72	948	262	1,210
45 - 49 years	215	6	808	223	27	101	1,050	330	1,380
50 - 54 years	238	4	818	158	3	60	1,059	222	1,281
55 - 59 years	280	4	980	109	6	58	1,266	171	1,437
60 years and over	332	-	945	4	160	11	1,437	15	1,452
TOTAL :	2,129	94	7,420	2,363	909	556	10,458	3,013	13,471

7. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH JANUARY, 1949. 5.

(i) Cause of Unemployment : The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during January, 1949, and the seven months ended January, 1949, and by those who were on benefit at 29th January, 1949.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

X. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING JANUARY, 1949, AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	January, 1949		Seven months ended Jan., 1949		29th January, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	41	1	133	1	52	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	47	1	300	14	64	-
Power rationing ..	12	-	14	-	4	2
Shortage of materials ..	59	2	922	35	73	3
Strikes and lockouts ..	26	-	148	3	70	1
Seasonal work ..	832	4	1,563	8	889	5
Casual work ..	248	7	918	20	255	7
Other including inadequately defined	263	20	1,145	118	354	28
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	132	17	806	130	233	31
Other, including inadequately defined	100	5	415	39	90	11
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	23	1	99	3	32	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	3	-	16	1	4	-
Other ..	8	2	23	13	9	4
TOTAL :	1,794	60	6,502	385	2,129	94

(ii) Industrial groups : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during January, 1949, and the seven months ended January, 1949 and of those on benefit at 29th January, 1949.

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	January, 1949		Seven Months ended Jan., 1949		29th January, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	303	1	731	2	331	3
Other Primary Production ..	16	-	70	-	15	-
Coal Mining ..	77	-	238	-	116	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	21	-	85	-	23	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal working including shipbuilding	63	-	1,042	18	108	1
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	18	-	96	1	24	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	14	7	63	40	16	10
Food, drink and tobacco ..	665	5	1,414	27	766	8
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	35	-	140	-	32	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	58	-	249	12	80	2
Building and Construction ..	205	-	797	-	215	-
Transport and Communication ..	93	1	327	10	88	2
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	114	20	569	75	131	25
Finance and Property ..	6	-	40	-	10	-
Public Administration and Professional	42	5	296	43	86	8
Personal and Domestic Service ..	53	18	307	140	74	29
Other ..	11	3	38	17	14	6
TOTAL :	1,794	60	6,502	385	2,129	94

(iii) Males on Benefit : Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 29th January, 1949, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XII UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 29TH JANUARY, 1949.

STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	38	5	276	-	-	5	331
Other Primary Production ..	-	-	13	-	2	-	15
Coal Mining ..	53	-	61	-	-	2	116
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	1	-	14	-	7	1	23
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering, metal-							
working including shipbuilding	56	1	37	1	13	-	108
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	3	1	16	1	2	1	24
Textiles and articles of dress ..	2	1	11	-	-	2	16
Food, drink and tobacco ..	8	2	748	-	7	1	766
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	6	1	21	-	3	1	32
Other factories, including heat,							
light and power ..	16	1	47	1	14	1	80
Building and Construction ..	30	3	169	1	8	4	215
Transport and Communication ..	9	6	56	-	13	4	88
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	24	-	84	1	18	4	131
Finance and Property ..	1	-	6	-	3	-	10
Public Administration and Professional	14	4	54	-	13	1	86
Personal and Domestic Service ..	9	3	45	2	14	1	74
Other ..	2	-	10	-	1	1	14
TOTAL - 29th January, 1949 :	272	28	1,668	7	125	29	2,129
TOTAL - 31st January, 1948 :	512	96	3,048	38	357	22	4,073

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

(iv) Metropolitan and Other : Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the seven months ended January, 1949 and the persons on benefit at 29th January, 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the Seven months ended January, 1948.				On Benefit at 29th January, 1949.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	208	10	1,388	98	52	2	220	35
Victoria ..	43	20	117	5	11	3	17	1
Queensland ..	944	79	3,114	141	233	16	1,435	30
South Australia (c)	39	2	26	-	7	1	-	-
Western Australia	462	14	95	13	108	3	17	2
Tasmania ..	36	2	28	1	15	1	14	-
TOTAL :	1,734	127	4,768	258	426	26	1,703	68

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory

8. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH JANUARY, 1949.

(i) Metropolitan and Other : Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the seven months ended January, 1949 and those current at 29th January, 1949 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the Seven months ended January, 1949				On Benefit at 29th January, 1949			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	7,117	2,537	4,701	882	1,679	601	1,127	228
Victoria ..	4,946	1,850	2,297	608	1,361	554	575	190
Queensland ..	2,309	671	2,603	452	558	183	559	130
South Australia (c)	2,744	710	489	64	582	197	84	11
Western Australia	1,880	577	1,080	166	409	153	162	36
Tasmania ..	637	144	688	151	159	35	165	45
TOTAL :	19,633	6,489	11,858	2,323	4,748	1,723	2,672	640

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 29th January, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

XV. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH JANUARY, 1949, AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	605	8	613
Other Primary Production ..	173	-	173
Coal Mining ..	163	-	163
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	133	2	135
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding ..	1,054	102	1,156
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	350	14	364
Textiles and articles of dress ..	273	403	676
Food, drink and tobacco ..	461	107	568
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	293	11	304
Other Factories, including heat, light and Power ..	751	152	903
Building and Construction ..	1,207	5	1,212
Transport and Communication ..	679	61	740
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	676	401	1,077
Finance and Property ..	43	47	90
Public Administration and Professional ..	214	419	633
Personal and Domestic Service ..	325	626	951
Other ..	20	5	25
TOTAL :	7,420	2,363	9,783

(iii) Nature of Sickness : The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during January, 1949, and the seven months ended January, 1949, and of those on benefit at 29th January, 1949.

XVI. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING JANUARY, 1949 AND THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	January, 1949		Seven Months ended January, 1949.		29th January, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	218	68	2,755	778	377	159
Cancer ..	29	2	175	30	76	14
Other Tumours ..	29	27	259	182	64	61
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	220	58	1,802	534	555	192
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	15	16	137	143	40	40
Nervous System and Sense Organs ..	365	130	2,769	1,111	759	342
Circulatory System ..	358	70	2,655	439	928	167
Respiratory System ..	327	73	3,475	781	618	180
Digestive System ..	942	225	6,959	1,867	1,385	328
Genito-Urinary System ..	177	92	1,197	644	329	181
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	97	-	705	-	227
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	239	47	1,634	344	317	75
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	111	31	801	232	217	86
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined Conditions) ..	60	42	487	313	110	86
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	451	60	3,230	345	1,082	137
Other Injuries, etc. ..	386	47	2,956	327	500	77
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	12	3	100	8	38	4
Other (including not stated) ..	9	3	100	29	25	7
TOTAL :	3,948	1,091	31,491	8,812	7,420	2,363

9. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the seven months ended January, 1949, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below :-

XVII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY, 1949.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Percentage Rejects to total
N.S.W. (a)	4,765	3,061	17,794	2,557	3,884	230	26,443	5,848	22.12
Vic.	311	126	11,663	1,962	3,144	225	15,118	2,313	15.30
Q'ld.	7,512	3,234	7,072	1,037	322	113	14,907	4,384	29.41
S.A. (b)	2,900	2,833	4,839	832	122	31	7,861	3,696	46.96
W.A.	918	334	4,341	638	600	53	5,859	1,025	17.49
Tas.	81	12	1,863	243	108	26	2,052	281	13.69
TOTAL :	16,487	9,600	47,572	7,269	8,181	678	72,240	17,547	24.29

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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